

About Congress.

Our National Legislature after a comparatively short recess, once more stands convened under the patriotic influence of our republican idol, the Goddess of Liberty. What transformation this assembling of the wisdom of the Nation has wrought in Washington City, can only be realized and appreciated by those who have been present both during its sessions and after its adjournment. The quiet, easy-going city of a few days ago, pursuing the even tenor of its way undisturbed, except by occasional local scandals and excitement incident to all communities, has now put on its political garb and we behold it as a great national rendezvous where the representatives of fifty millions of people meet and make laws for their government. Following in the train of the law-maker, comes the time-worn claimant, the persistent office seeker and the subtle lobbyist, the first two of which seem to exist only to increase the personal discomfort of "our member" and to make glad the hearts of the boarding house keeper. The Capital, as a great cosmopolitan center on whose neutral ground treads the son of every state and clime, affords the student of human nature the greatest field for investigation. It is here that humanity with all its eccentricities and in its various stages of development and decay concentrates itself. Over the heads of the cosmopolitan crowd waves the flag of political truce, under whose protection comes the "gentleman" from the south with his long pedigree and war claims, and the claimant from the north with his cork leg and pension claims. It is here too, where the "Honorable" from the Pacific Slope with his anti-Chinese bill meets and exchanges greetings with the lobbying advocate of monopoly and cheap labor. There is but one trade represented in Washington, and that trade is politics. Instead of Messrs. Commerce, Wheat, Hogs & Co., we have an imposing array of diplomats, officials and a long line of variety in the way of Governors, Judges, Senators, Majors and Colonels. In this same assembly at any of the large hotels you may find two or three "Governors" who will drink at your expense. As for "Colonels, Majors, and Judges" a promiscuous invitation would give the most robust pocket book the galloping consumption. The inmost thought of this crowd is "place," the chief theme of conversation, what congress will not do that it ought to do and what it will do that it ought not to do, campaigns and defeats. It is thought that congress will this session take up some very important issues, but others again think that as this is a short session, only bills of appropriation will be considered.

It is now evident that the tariff men will make a fight, for it is a well known fact that the reformers have been, and still are making every effort to increase their power and number from the congressional recruits. The friends of Agriculture and Labor will try to get their bill, creating a department for the protection of Agricultural and labor interest through, but as this bill is meeting with such pronounced opposition it is doubtful if they will succeed. The opponents of this

measure claim that it would be unconstitutional, that the constitution does not provide for such a department.

The fishery question will perhaps receive some attention during the present session. The demand for a mutual understanding as to the rights of American fishermen in the waters of British North America, is imperative. It is time that this irritable question should be settled once for all. This can only be done by a treaty between this country and Great Britain, and it is hoped that our August Senate will treat the subject with more favor than it did last April, when it virtually refused to do anything. But as those best acquainted with legislative machinery can only surmise, what Congress will or what it will not do remains for the future to disclose.

J. T. SOTHORON.

"What Intemperance Does."

"Intemperance cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, and age in its weakness. It breaks the father's heart, bereaves the doting mother, extinguishes natural affection, erases congenial love, blots out filial attachment, blights parental hope, and brings down mourning age in sorrow to the grave. It produces weakness, not strength; sickness, not health; death, not life. It makes wives widows, children orphans, fathers fiends, and all of them paupers and beggars. It feeds rheumatism, nurses gout, welcomes epidemic, invites cholera, imports pestilence, and embraces consumption. It covers the land with idleness, poverty, disease and crime. It fills your jails, supplies your almshouses and demands your asylums. It engenders controversies, fosters quarrels and cherishes riots. It crowds your penitentiaries, and furnishes the victims for your scaffolds. It is the life-blood of the gambler, the aliment of the counterfeiter, the prop of the highwayman, and the support of the midnight incendiary. It countenances the liar, respects the thief and respects the blasphemer. It violates obligation, fraud and honors infamy. It defames benevolence, hates love, scorns virtue and slanders innocence. It incites the father to butcher his helpless offspring, helps the husband to massacre his wife, and aids the child to grind the paricidal ax. It burns up men and consumes women, detests life, curses God and despises heaven. It suborns witnesses, nurses perjury, defiles the jury-box, and stains the judicial ermine. It bribes votes, disqualifies voters, corrupts elections, pollutes our institutions and endangers our government. It degrades the citizen, debases the legislator, dishonors the statesman, and disarms the patriot. It brings shame, not honor; terror, not safety; despair not hope; misery, not happiness. And with the malevolence of a fiend, it calmly surveys its frightful desolation; and, insatiated with its havoc, it poisons felicity, kills peace, ruins morals, blights confidence, slays reputation, and wipes out national honor, then curses the world and laughs at its ruin. Then it does all that and more; it murders the soul; it is the sum of all villainies; the curses; the devil's best friend."—Pictou News.

'Tis not my Business.

A wealthy man in St. Louis was asked to aid in a series of temperance meetings, but he scornfully refused. After being further pressed, he said: "Gentlemen, 'tis not my business!"

A few days after, his wife and two daughters were coming home on the lightning express. In his grand carriage, with liveried attendants, he rode to the depot, thinking of his splendid business and planning for the morrow. Hark! did some one say "accident?" There are twenty-five railroads centering in St. Louis; if there has been an accident, it is not likely it has happened on the — and Mississippi railroad. Yet it troubles him; 'tis his business" now. The horses stopped on the instant, and upon inquiry he finds it has occurred twenty-five miles distant on the — and Mississippi. He telegraphs to the superintendent: "I will give you five hundred dollars for an extra engine." The answer flashes back: "No!"

"I will give you one thousand dollars for an engine?"

"A train with surgeons and nurses has already gone forward; we have no other."

With white face and anxious brow that man paced the station to and fro.

"'Tis his business" now. In a half hour, perhaps, which seemed to him a century, the train arrived. He hurried towards it, and in the tender found the mangled and lifeless form of his wife and one of his daughters. In the car following, lay his other daughter, with her dainty ribs crushed in, and her precious life oozing slowly away.

A quart of whiskey, which was drunk fifty miles away by a railroad employee, was the cause of the catastrophe.

Who dares say of this tremendous question, "'Tis not my business?"—Morning.

There is nothing will make you a Christian indeed but a taste of the sweetness of Christ. "Come and see" will speak best to your soul.—Samuel Rutherford.

What is with the treasure must fare as the treasure; the heart which haunts the treasure-house where the moth and rust corrupt, will be exposed to the same ravages as the treasure, will itself be rusted and moth-eaten. Many a man, many a woman, fair and flourishing to see, is going about with a rusty, moth-eaten heart.

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| No. 1..... | 10:45 p.m. |
| No. 7..... | 14:50 a.m. |
| No. 3..... | *8:00 p.m. |

GOING EAST

| | Depart. |
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| No. 10..... | 7:00 a.m. |
| No. 8..... | *12:15 a.m. |
| No. 12..... | *8:20 p.m. |
| No. 4..... | *12:58 p.m. |

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| No. 5, " " " " " " 12:24 P.M. | |
| No. 7, Accom. (Except Sunday) 6:04 A.M. | |
| No. 11, Accom. (" " " " " " 10:30 A.M. | |
| No. 37, Way Fr. (" " " " " " 2:17 P.M. | |
| No. 13, Erie Express (Ex Monday) 12:45 P.M. | |

EAST.

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| No. 2, Accom. (Ex Sunday) 9:45 P.M. | |
| No. 4, New York Ex. (daily) 2:17 P.M. | |
| No. 6, Accom. (Ex Sunday) 5:00 P.M. | |
| No. 8, " " " " " " 1:35 P.M. | |
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